

Claims and Accounts, on the petition of Stewart Perry, was taken up, and referred to a select committee.

On motion of Mr. Gage, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

Wednesday, 10 o'clock, a. m.
January 12th, 1848.

Senate met—roll called—The following Senators answered to their names:

Messrs. Abbott, Brashear, Bache, Burleson, Clark, Cuny, Dancy, Gage, Grimes, Jewett, McRae, Paker, Perkins, Wallace, Williams, Williamson and Wootten—quorum present.

The Journals of the preceding day read and adopted.

Mr. Gage, chairman of the committee on Counties and County Boundaries, made the following report:

Committee Room, }
Austin, January 12th, 1848. }

Hon. JOHN A. GREER,
President of the Senate:

The committee on Counties and County Boundaries, to whom was referred the petition of citizens of Collin county, have considered the same, and are of opinion that the act passed at this session, and now a law of the land, is sufficient to mete out justice to every citizen in said county; that a good location for a county seat can be found within three miles of the centre of said county, the committee entertain no doubt; and that if the object of the petitioners is to be allowed space from the true centre, sufficient to include the present location, which is upwards of six miles from said centre, to allow the same might leave the location of said county seat in the same situation in which it was found at the commencement of the session of the Legislature, and require at its next session a similar act to the one passed at this session; under these con-

siderations the committee recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be not granted.

D. GAGE, Chairman.

The President of the Senate appointed Messrs. Phillips, Jewett and Cuny, a select committee on the report of the committee of Claims and Accounts, on the petition of Stuart Perry.

Mr. Wallace introduced a bill to be entitled an act to repeal the third section of the act entitled an act, to regulate the license and practice of attorneys, approved 12th May, A. D. 1846; read first time.

Mr. Jewett moved to reconsider the vote of yesterday rejecting the resolution offered by Mr. Dancy, in relation to the laws existing against sorcery and witchcraft; lost.

Senate proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

A bill to be entitled an act to prohibit the boards of land commissioners in each county in this State from issuing certificates to any claimant whatsoever, unless the applicant or claimant shall previously thereto have received a conditional certificate from some competent board; read, and

On motion of Mr. Wallace, referred to the committee on State Affairs.

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize William Primm, of Fayette county, to emancipate certain persons therein named; read, and

On motion of Mr. Jewett, referred to the committee on State Affairs.

On motion of Mr. Wallace, the committee was instructed to report a general bill.

A bill to be entitled an act to empower certain persons therein named to inherit the estate of William Primm; read second time, and

On motion of Mr. Parker, referred to the committee on State Affairs.

A bill to be entitled an act to confer upon certain persons therein named a surname; read, and

On motion of Mr. Parker, referred to the committee on State Affairs.

Resolution offered by Mr. Phillips, on yesterday, declaring that a ministerial officer has no right to act in a judicial capacity was read; and,

On motion of Mr. Gage, referred to a select committee.

Messrs. Gage, Wallace and Jewett were appointed said committee.

A bill to be entitled an act to establish public schools in the county of Galveston; read third time and passed.

Joint resolution for the relief of Jno. S. McNairy, of Nashville, Tennessee, was read third time.

Mr. Williamson moved to amend, by inserting after the words "Thomas Toby" the words "for 640 acres each; carried.

The joint resolution as amended was passed.

A bill to be entitled an act appropriating five thousand dollars for the contingent expense of both Houses of the Legislature, together with the report of the committee on Finance thereon was read second time, and bill passed to third reading.

Joint Resolution for the relief of Assessors and Collectors of Taxes, together with the report of the committee on Finance, thereon, recommending an amendment was read, report adopted, and resolution as amended passed to a third reading.

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the town of Bonham in the county of Fannin; read second time:

And on motion of Mr. Williams referred to the committee on State Affairs.

Joint Resolution to amend the second section of a Joint Resolution for the relief of the soldiers composing the late first Regiment of Infantry read second time, and referred to the committee on the Militia.

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Seth Ingram—read second time:

And, on motion of Mr. Williams referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the 18th section of the act entitled an act punishing crimes and misdemeanors, approved 21st December, 1836; read second time:

And, on motion of Mr. Wallace referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize and require the Secretary of State to cause all the unbound acts and Joint Resolutions of the Congress of the Republic of Texas, and of the Legislature of the State, to be bound in volumes—read second time.

Mr. Wallace moved to amend by inserting the word "enroll-

ed" before the words "acts" and "Joint Resolutions" wherever they occur.

Adopted.

Resolution as amended referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Phillips offered the following resolution.

"*Resolved*, That the committee on State affairs be requested to enquire into the propriety of providing by law, for the removal from the State, all negroes who are now free, and for the removal of all who may hereafter be emancipated, within a reasonable time after such emancipation."

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Dancy, the Senate adjourned until tomorrow, morning 10 o'clock.

THURSDAY, 10 o'clock, A. M. }
Jan. 13th, 1848. }

Senate met—roll called—the following Senators answered to their names:

Messrs Abbott, Bourland, Brashear, Bache, Burleson, Clark, Cuny, Dancy, Gage, Grimes, McRea, Navarro, Parker, Perkins, Phillips, Wallace, Williams and Wootten—quorum present.

The Journal of the preceding day was read and adopted.

Mr. Gage chairman of the committee on counties and county boundaries made the following report.

COMMITTEE ROOM, }
Jan. 12th, 1848. }

HON. J. A. GREER,

President of the Senate:

The committee on counties and county boundaries, have had under consideration, a bill to be entitled an act supplementary to organize the county of Upshur, and herewith return the